

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)
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Rural Health Care Support Mechanism) GN Docket No. 02-60
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REPLY COMMENTS OF APCO

The Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International, Inc. (“APCO”) hereby submits the following brief reply comment in response to the Commission’s *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* (“NPRM”), FCC 10-125 (released July 15, 2010), in the above-captioned proceeding.

Founded in 1935, APCO is the nation's oldest and largest public safety communications organization. Most APCO members are state or local government employees who design, manage, and operate public safety communications systems for police, fire, emergency medical, forestry conservation, highway maintenance, disaster relief, and other public safety agencies. APCO is the largest FCC-certified coordinator for Public Safety Pool radio frequencies and appears regularly before the Commission on a wide range of issues regarding public safety communications.

The National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials (“NASEMSO”) submitted initial comments in this proceeding urging that emergency medical service (EMS) agencies be included in the definition of “local health agencies” as part of the universal service health care support mechanism. Such a clarification would promote the ability of EMS agencies

to deploy state-of-the-art broadband capability that can save lives. Therefore, APCO supports the NASEMSO comments, for the reasons stated therein.

Respectfully submitted,

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